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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO COMMANDANT U.S. COAST GUARD/WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS SANTIAGO 5319

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, CI

SUBJECT: METULA

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS EMBASSY FROM COMMANDING OFFICER NATIONAL STRIKE FORCE CHILE AND QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

RELAY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO FROM COMMANDING OFFICER NATIONAL STRIKE FORCE CHILE.

TO COMMANDANT UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WASHINGTON D.C.

UNLCAS TO (G/WEP) POPRED ONE VLCC METULA AS OF 020800

1. SITUATION A SIX NSF TO METULA 281145 WITH ONE ADAPTS TO NSF PUNTA ARENAS DUE SPACE AVAILABLE. NECESSARY SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM CHILEAN NAVY AND SALVORS.

2. WEATHER VARIES CONSIDERABLY WITH CURRENT AND TIDE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WINDS 8/31, 9/1 AND 9/2: 40.50 KNOTS.

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3. ACTION A: TANK VESSEL HARVELLA ALONGSIDE METULA 281835 DIS-  
CHARGED TO HARVELLA AT RATE OF 800 TONS PER HOUR. CARGO REMOVAL  
FROM FIVE ACROSS AND FOUR CENTER, AND FOUR PORT. HARVELLA DEPARTED  
METULA 301200 WITH 14,000 TONS FOR TRANSFER TO TANK VESSEL BERGELAND.

3. PLANS A: REMAINING NSG PERSONNEL AND ADAPTS EQUIPMENT  
TRANSPORTED  
TO VICINITY METULA. WAITING FAVORABLE WEATHER FOR TRANSFER.  
PLAN B: HARVELLA TO MAKE SECOND MOOR ABOUT 5 SEPTEMBER. DELAY  
CAUSED  
BY ADVERSE CURRENT, NO SLICK. THREE HARVELLA LOADS REQUIRED PRIOR  
TO FIRST REFLOAT ATTEMPT. FINAL DECISION ON REFLOAT WITH CARGO NOT  
YET MADE.  
PLAN C: POPREDS EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS AS SITUATIONS CHANGE.  
PLAN D: PLAN UTILIZE PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR SECOND HARVELLA OPS, THEN  
RELEASE TO RETURN COMMERAIR VIA GULF STRIKE TEAM TICKETS.  
4. CASE PENDS. 021243 BT.  
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